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RECESS A GOOD IDEA

Congress plans to take a recess. We think that is a good idea. Most of the time, people only write to their Congressmen or Senators when they want something. Staying too many months in wartime Washington it is easy to get out of touch with the public pulse. A recess may be helpful. After a few weeks at home, refreshed in spirit and in mind, all hands will fare better. Mayhap we don't know what the average voter thinks, but here are some guesses as to what Congressmen and Senators will find on Main Street.

There must be no more strikes. There must be no more, lesswork and less bickering in Washington. The public will accept a reasonable working week, but it does not want to see heads or tails out of the last tax bill.

The reader may wonder how Mr. Kaiser manages to keep up with the huge industrial system. The answer is that he does not. He explains it rather easily, saying, "It really isn't much of a problem if you are willing to give other people responsibility and authority."

This sentence contains valuable information to individuals attempting to control diverse enterprises. No one can keep up with any great mass of details without becoming hopelessly involved, but business develops into large operations when executives delegate responsibility and authority, to competent assistants. Eastern Shore News.

British Commandos make daring raid on Crete.
Pulp wood badly needed.

We will go beyond that, and say that our national available food supply is more evenly distributed now than it has been for years. We are suspicious of the gloom-spreaders who say that surely we will go hungry. We are suspicious that they have an ax to grind. We are suspicious that they are guilty of setting the table for inflation, many of them unwittingly.

Take our own country. A dozen or so years ago, we were mostly a one-cash-crop country: tobacco. Now, we are diversified as to crop production. Our farm program has worked amazingly well. We no longer depend on the cry of the tobacco auctioneer. If the agricultural program has worked elsewhere as it has here, there's scant justification for the gloom about saving. We still have, and always will have, our farm products, of labor, of tools, of financing, of pricing, but when you survey the great progress made you are bound to feel satisfaction that agriculture has successfully met the challenge of our generation and although war conditions are holding us back from peak efforts we shall eat!

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Lesson for July 11

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GOD CALLS A LEADER

LESSON TEXT—Exodus 3:1-12.
GOLDEN TEXT—Exodus 3:1-12.
I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.—Exodus 3:10.

God calls men, commissions, and uses them to carry out His plans and purposes in the earth. What a great truth that is, and how it glorifies the destiny of man to know that it is divinely appointed.

As Joseph Parker effectively points out, the experience of Moses in Midian was a direct dealing with God, whereas the rest may not be so direct. "See the fountain" must be content to drink at the stream, but should always remember that the stream flows from that same fountain.

Every man should put to himself the questions, What is my destiny? What does God mean to me? What is to do in the world? . . . It is a most pitiable thing that many are called . . . to a special work, and yet they do not know it. Let us be careful that we do not miss our call, and that we are not in a position to be called to it.

For our instruction and guidance we consider, then, the story of the call of this outstanding leader of Israel. It presents him as a true servant of God, one who was—

1. Personally Equipped.
While it is a blessed truth that God will use any man who surrenders himself to His control and guidance, no matter how limited that man's ability and training may be, it is also true that, other things being equal, the man with the best equipment will be the most useful servant.

God gave Moses a unique preparation. He was first of all a Hebrew, born among the people that he was to lead. He knew the luxury and the cultural advantages of the Egyptian court (Acts 7:22), with the safeguard of training by his own mother as his nurse.

He observed at first hand the oppression of his people, and made a self-willed and impulsive effort to deal with the problem. The result was that he had a "postgraduate" course of instruction and discipline in the wilderness, where he spent forty years in the school of experience.

We have learned anew from our war experience that training for service is essential. If that is true in military matters and in secular life, it is doubly true in the service of Christ. He does graciously use even the humble and untrained recruit, but he has a very definite service to be content to remain unprepared.

II. Spiritually Qualified.
Moses was a man who knew God. Had he been a worldly man he would only have been curious regarding the phenomenon of the burning bush. But note how alert and reverent he was and how immediately responsive to the instructions and the call of God.

Here God's future leader was made conscious of the infinite majesty and holiness of God, the need of reverence and godly fear, the purpose of the Eternal One to deliver His people, and the assurance that He would be with His servant. Such a spiritual experience made effective the excellent preparation which he already had for service.

All the training and preparation in the world is worse than useless in God's service apart from that spiritual qualification that comes from true regeneration and dedication to Him.

There is no more pathetic sight than a spiritually powerless church worker going through the motions of service for Christ. If we are in that condition we may be sure that we deceive no one but ourselves.

III. Divinely Called.
Moses was called (vv. 4-6), commissioned (vv. 6-10), and clad with divine authority (vv. 11, 12) for his great task.

God calls His servants to different responsibilities and in different ways, but the important thing is that we should know that we are in His will and that we are answering His call.

No one has any right to choose full-time Christian service simply as a desirable vocation. In any calling of life man needs God's guidance in order to make a proper choice, but in the ministry or missionary service it is an absolute essential. If we were more careful to seek His will for every individual there would be less unhappiness in the world. But in the case of the one who goes out to speak for God there is not only the danger of distress, but of real disaster for himself and those to whom he tries to minister.

Prepared, qualified, and called, Moses was now ready to meet God before he goes on to his life of holy exploits for Him.

Bethany News

Bethany, July 6. Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Richardson and son visited Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Harvey over the weekend. Misses Josie and Thelma Harvey, of Lynchburg spent the weekend in the same home.

Mrs. Larkin Harvey, who has had the flu, is improving at her home.

P. O. Paulette and son, Emmitt visited Wilson Paulette Monday, who has returned from the Medical College Hospital at Richmond.

Mrs. Richard Inge, of Lynchburg spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Ransom. Those visiting in the same home over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Dickerson, Mrs. Boyd Ransom and daughter, of Lynchburg, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Ransom and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ransom, of Appomattox.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Paulette Sunday were: Mrs. D. D. Paulette, Miss Lillian Morris, of Lynchburg, Misses Thelma and Ann Morris and Warren of Madisonville, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Martin, Misses Odelle and Isabelle Ransom, Mrs. Boyd Ransom and daughter, Mrs. W. B. Ransom, daughter and Miss Naomi Self.

Ora Paulette has returned home after visiting her sister, Mrs. Edna Moore, of Charlotte C. H. Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Paulette and daughter, Mrs. Kith Allen, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Paulette Sunday evening.

Misses Ora and "Red" Paulette and Emmitt visited Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Baker, of Evergreen Sunday afternoon.

Misses Hazel and Phyllis Paulette are visiting Mrs. Edna Moore at Charlotte C. H.

LACY T. MARSHALL.
Lacy Thornton Marshall, 84, of Red House, died at Memorial Hospital in Lynchburg, Sunday morning, June 27, after several months' illness.

He was born in Appomattox County August 11, 1859, the son of Henry W. Marshall and Mrs. Sarah Hancock Marshall.

Mr. Marshall was a member of the

Providence Baptist Church at Red House. He was a retired railroad engineer, having worked for the Chesapeake and Ohio company for 25 years. He was the widower of Ida C. Marshall.

He is survived by a son, Joe H. Marshall, of Richmond, and a daughter, Mrs. E. C. Marshall, of Covington; two grandchildren, Thornton H. Marshall, U. S. Army, Hawaiian Islands, and Miss Ann Miller, of Covington; three brothers, C. P. Marshall, E. C. Marshall and E. T. Marshall, all of Lynchburg, and one sister, Miss Rosa Marshall, of Red House.

Funeral services were conducted in Lynchburg, by his pastor, Rev. W. M. Black, assisted by the Rev. H. M. Fugate, D.D. Mrs. H. O. Bradley, pianist, Mrs. W. W. Deane and Mrs. F. W. Butterworth, singers, furnished music. Burial was in Spring Hill Cemetery.

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